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As a volunteer participating in rural and urban restoration projects in Portland, I have had the opportunity to observe as well as read about the terrible environmental impacts to the river and adjacent lands due to past private business and City of Portland activities. These activities went unchecked for several decades, and it has taken several years to finally see the first EPA draft proposal plan to make the river clean enough for citizens and wildlife to utilize without increased health risk. I am very disappointed in the proposed limited cleanup of contaminants, seemingly based on the hope that the contaminants will stay at the bottom of the river, or, if they are disturbed, will move from the Superfund site to another location.

The current EPA proposal for cleanup of this site is inadequate. The river must be made clean enough so that people and wildlife will be able to eat fish from this river without absorbing contaminants. Toxic sediments need to be removed from this location to a safe storage site.

For decades, corporate and government entities were able to eliminate some costs of doing business by dumping their waste into the river. The public should no longer be expected to absorb the environmental costs and health risks stemming from inadequate remediation of this polluted site.

Thanks for allowing me to comment.

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